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U.S. : 705/34, 30, 3; 707/2, 7, 8

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,603,025 A (TABB et al.) 11 February 1997, see entire document.	1-34
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